

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Process for making a monofilament-like product ~~from a precursor containing at least one strand of polyolefin fibres,~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) exposing ~~[[the]]~~ a precursor of indefinite length containing at least one strand comprised of a spun yarn of polyolefin staple fibres to a temperature within the melting point range of the polyolefin fibres for a time sufficient to at least partly fuse outer surface layers of adjacent polyolefin fibres to one another, and
- b) simultaneously with step a) stretching the precursor at a draw ratio of at least 1.0, ~~characterised in that the strand is a spun yarn made from polyolefin staple fibres.~~

2. (original) Process according to claim 1, wherein the draw ratio is from 1.2 to 25.

3. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is ultra- high molar mass polyethylene.

4. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the staple fibres have been obtained by stretch-breaking of a polyolefin multifilament yarn.

5. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the precursor contains plied and twisted strands.

6. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, further comprising a step preceding step a) of pretreating the precursor in order to enhance inter fibre bonding.

7. (original) Process according to claim 6, wherein pretreating comprises applying an oil to the precursor.

8. (original) Process according to claim 6, wherein pretreating comprises applying a polyurethane composition to the precursor.

9. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, further comprising a step of applying a coating composition to the product after steps a) and b).

10. (currently amended) Monofilament-like product comprising an at least partly fused spun yarn made from polyolefin staple fibres made, ~~obtainable~~ by the process according to claim 1.

11. (currently amended) A fishing line which comprises a ~~Use of the~~
monofilament-like product according to claim 10 ~~for making various semi-finished and~~
~~end-use products, like fishing lines or cut-resistant articles.~~

12. (new) A cut-resistant article which comprises a monofilament-like product according to claim 10.